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As authorized by the inventor(s), transmitted herewith for filing is a non-English patent application applied for on behalf of the inventor(s) according to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c). An English translation will follow within the required time as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.52(d).

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Enclosed are:

- A specification consisting of forty-six (46) pages
- Twenty-one (21) sheet(s) of formal drawings
- Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
- Applicant does not claim priority

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Applicant claims the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on Application No(s). 2002-244208, 2003-053342, 2003-053368, 2002-369242, 2002-369245 filed in JAPAN on August 23, 2002, February 28, 2003, February 28, 2003, December 20, 2002, and December 20, 2002, respectively.

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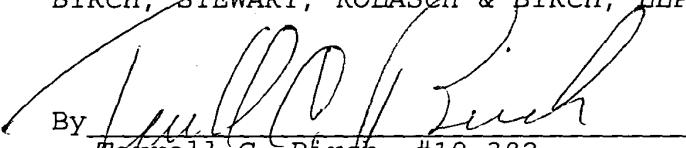
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